

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the peer-to-peer file delivery network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content by,
 - (i) initiating on one client node a download of a particular content item served from the server node or another client node, and
 - (ii) charging a fee based on a quantity of ~~[[the]]~~ content served related to the particular content item; and
 - (b) enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content by
 - (i) allowing ~~[[the]]~~ client nodes of the multiple client nodes to subscribe to ~~one or more of the~~ subscription-based content,
 - (ii) periodically sending the ~~subscribed to~~ subscription-based content to each ~~[[the]]~~ respective subscribing client node nodes, and
 - (iii) charging a fee to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including the step of:
 - (c) providing direct marketing by
 - (i) sending marketing content to the client nodes from the server node as well as from other client nodes, and
 - (ii) charging a fee to providers of the marketing content.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the step of:
 - (d) enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, and paying owners of the affiliate servers a percentage of the fee charged for serving ~~[[the]]~~ files.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the content includes free content and fee-based content, step (a)(ii) further including the steps of:

(1) charging a fee [[from]] to a provider of the free content for serving the free content,
and

(2) charging a fee [[from]] to a user of the initiating client node for the download of the fee-based content.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the subscription-based content includes free content and fee-based content, step_(b)(iii) further including the step of:

(1) charging a fee [[from]] to users of the subscribing client nodes for receiving the fee-based content.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the subscription-based content includes free content and fee-based content, step_(b)(iii) further including the step of charging a fee [[from]] to users of the subscribing client nodes for opening the fee-based content.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein step_(c)(ii) further includes the step of: charging a fee [[from]] to the provider of the marketing content based on a cost per click.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein step_(c)(ii) further includes the step of: charging a fee [[from]] to the provider of the marketing content based on a cost per acquisition.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the peer-to-peer file delivery network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the system comprising:

means for enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content whereby one client node initiates a download of a particular content item served from the server node or another client node, and wherein a fee is charged based on a quantity of [[the]] content served related to the particular content item; and

means for enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content that [[the]] client nodes of the multiple client nodes subscribe to in order to receive periodic updates, wherein a fee is charged to providers of [[the]] subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content to the client nodes.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 further including means for providing direct marketing to client nodes such that marketing content is sent ~~send~~ to the client nodes from the server node as well as from other client nodes, and a fee is charged to providers of the marketing content. ~~and~~

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 further including means for enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, such that owners of the affiliate servers are paid a percentage of the fee charged for serving ~~the~~ files.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2 wherein the content includes free content and fee-based content, and a provider of the free content is charged a fee for serving the free content, and a user of the initiating client node is charged a fee for ~~the~~ download of the fee-based content.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the subscription-based content includes second free content and second fee-based content, and wherein users of ~~the~~ subscribing client nodes are charged a fee for receiving the second fee-based content.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the subscription-based content includes second free content and second fee-based content, and wherein users of the subscribing client nodes are charged a fee for opening the second fee-based content.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 further comprising means for wherein ~~step(e)(ii) further includes the step of:~~ charging a fee from ~~the~~ a provider of the marketing content based on a cost per click.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15 further comprising means for wherein ~~step(e)(ii) further includes the step of:~~ charging a fee from the provider of the marketing content based on a cost per acquisition.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing program instructions for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the peer-to-peer file delivery network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the program instructions for:

(a) enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content by,

~~(iii)~~ (i) initiating on one client node a download of a particular content item served from the server node or another client node, and

~~(iv)~~ (ii) charging a fee based on a quantity of ~~[[the]]~~ content served related to the particular content item; and

(b) enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content by

(i) allowing ~~[[the]]~~ client nodes of the multiple client nodes to subscribe to ~~one or more of the~~ subscription-based content,

(ii) periodically sending the ~~subscribed to~~ subscription-based content to each ~~[[the]]~~ respective subscribing client node nodes, and

(iii) charging a fee to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 further including the instruction of:

(c) providing direct marketing by

(i) sending marketing content to the client nodes from the server node as well as from other client nodes, and

(ii) charging a fee to providers of the marketing content.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 further including the instruction of:

(d) enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, and paying owners of the affiliate servers a percentage of the fee charged for serving ~~[[the]]~~ files.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17 wherein the content includes free content and fee-based content, instruction (a)(ii) further including the instructions of:

(1) charging a fee ~~[[from]]~~ to a provider of the free content for serving the free content, and

(2) charging a fee ~~[[from]]~~ to a user of ~~[[the]]~~ an initiating client node for ~~[[the]]~~ download of the fee-based content.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein the subscription-based content includes second free content and second fee-based content, instruction_(b)(iii) further including the instruction of:

(1) charging a fee ~~[[from]]~~ to users of the respective subscribing client node ~~nodes~~ for receiving the second fee-based content.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein the subscription-based content includes second free content and second fee-based content, instruction_(b)(iii) further including the instruction of charging a fee ~~[[from]]~~ to users of the respective subscribing client nodes ~~nodes~~ for opening the second fee-based content.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein instruction_(c)(ii) further includes the instruction of:

charging a fee ~~[[from]]~~ to the providers ~~provider~~ of the marketing content based on a cost per click.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 23 wherein instruction_(c)(ii) further includes the instruction of:

charging a fee ~~[[from]]~~ to the providers ~~provider~~ of the marketing content based on a cost per acquisition.

25. (Currently Amended) A method for providing subscription-based decentralized file downloads to client nodes in a peer-to-peer public network, each of the client nodes affiliated with a user account, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving content files from at least one content provider, the content including free subscription content files, fee-based subscription content files, and marketing content files;

- (b) allowing the client nodes to subscribe to particular ~~one or more of the~~ content files;
- (c) periodically delivering the particular content files to ~~[[the]]~~ respective clients nodes that subscribed to the particular content files;
- (d) charging the at least one content provider a fee for delivering the content files to the client nodes over the peer-to-peer public network;
- (e) charging the at least one content provider a fee for the marketing content files based on a number of users that access the marketing content files once downloaded; and
- (f) charging ~~[[the]]~~ user accounts of the client nodes that received fee-based subscription content files.

26. (Currently Amended) A method for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content by,
 - (i) initiating on one client node a download of a particular content item served from the at least one server node or another client node, and
 - (ii) charging a fee based on a quantity of ~~[[the]]~~ content served related to the particular content item;
- (b) enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content by
 - (i) allowing ~~[[the]]~~ client nodes of the multiple client nodes to subscribe to ~~one or more of~~ the subscription-based content,
 - (ii) periodically sending the ~~subscribed to~~ subscription-based content to each ~~[[the]]~~ respective subscribing client node ~~nodes~~, and
 - (iii) charging a fee to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content;
- (c) providing direct marketing by
 - (i) sending marketing content to the client nodes from the at least one server node as well as from other client nodes, and
 - (ii) charging a fee to providers of the marketing content; and
- (d) enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, and paying owners of the affiliate servers a percentage of the fee charged for serving

[[the]] files.

27. (Currently Amended) A system for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, the peer-to-peer file delivery network including at least one server node and multiple client nodes, the system method comprising the steps of:

means for enabling peer-to-peer file sharing of content whereby one client node initiates a download of a particular content item served from the at least one server node or another client node, and wherein a fee is charged based on a quantity of [[the]] content served related to the particular content item;

means for enabling decentralized downloads of subscription-based content that [[the]] client nodes of the multiple client nodes subscribe to in order to receive periodic updates, wherein a fee is charged to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription-based content to the client nodes;

means for providing direct marketing to the client nodes such that marketing content is sent ~~send~~ to the client nodes from the at least one server node as well as from other client nodes, and a fee is charged to providers of the marketing content; and

means for enabling client nodes to become affiliate servers that deliver content to other client nodes, such that owners of the affiliate servers are paid a percentage of the fee charged for serving [[the]] files.

28. (New) A system for generating revenue in a peer-to-peer file delivery network, comprising:
a server node adapted to:

allow a download by a client node, wherein a fee is charged based on a quantity of content served during the download; and

enable downloads of subscription-based content by client nodes, wherein a second fee is charged to providers of the subscription-based content for serving the subscription based content to the client nodes.

29. (New) A server node comprising:

a network interface; and

a control system adapted to:

share content with a client node and charge a fee based on a quantity of content shared with the client node;

provide subscription-based content to which the client node may subscribe, wherein a fee is charged to providers of the subscription-based content for providing the subscription-based content to the client node; and

provide direct marketing to the client node such that marketing content is provided to the client node and a fee is charged to providers of the marketing content; and

wherein the client node may become an affiliate server that delivers content to other client nodes such that an owner of the affiliate server is paid a percentage of a fee charged for content delivery.